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EDITORIALS

WHERE IS THE TEAM?

During the presidential election last fall, the Republican candidate based a major portion of his appeal for the White House on the statement that the Republicans could offer "teamwork" in administration of government. In fact, that was about all the GOP offered.

Yet, has the GOP teamwork?

Since November, the Republicans have anything but teamwork. The party appears almost hopelessly divided within itself. In spite of the chagrin of losing five straight national elections, the "Old Guard" within the party refuses to concede an inch to more progressive elements. The fact that there are progressive elements within the GOP is encouraging. But they are apparantly not welcome.

The party's national committee last week split 54 to 50 in defeating the national party chairman.

In matters of party policy in Congress, the GOP split is about as bad. Before the election, it was charged that the Democratic party was hopelessly divided. Southern elements are still aloof to Truman leadership. But by and large, the Democratic party seems fairly well united.

What Other Editors Say:

THEY CANNOT WRITE

From Winchester Star

Ever since the war there have been complaints from colleges and universities that many of the incoming freshmen cannot write. This complaint has nothing to do with penmanship. It is that high school graduates are often unable to express ideas on paper in clear, effective English.

The University of Delaware shares the anxiety of other institutions, and has decided to do something about it. Many a school principal, many a parent, has learned that Johnnie or Susie is having trouble in college because he or she cannot write grammatical sentences—let alone set down a train of thoughts.

Now the Delaware institution has taken the trouble to write to all teachers of English and high school principals in the state. The entreaty of a committee of the Department of English is this:

"Let the student write, let him correct his errors, making sure he understands the corrections, and then let him write again. This method is more difficult than it sounds, but it is the only effective way."

The committee is right. Courses in literature are not enough, nor are occasional essays. Using the tools of good grammer, a student must beat out his ideas constantly on his own anvil. Regardless of whether he goes to college, an ability to express ideas clearly will be of benefit to him all through life.

BEHAVIOR OF DR. KINSEY

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's decision to skip Hollywood in his forthcoming visit to California to gather material for "Sexual Behavior of the Human Female" is as tantalizing a bit of news as we remember coming across.

Whatever made him decide to do that? In the view of most of his fellow citizens, sex is to Hollywood what automobiles are to Detroit and chocolate to Hershey, Pa. The fact that men are men and women are women is not only freely admitted, it is the basis of Hollywood's principal industry.

In literally thousands of variations, a few of them subtle, that fact is recorded, packed in small tin boxes, and transmitted to the far corners of the globe. The human females whom Dr. Kinsey selects to ignore are human females whose charms have been certified on five continents by the ultimate gallantry of the box office.

We refuse to believe that Dr. Kinsey is either bored or buffaloed by Hollywood. It is a shrewd guess that with his knowledge of zoology he realizes people will talk about it more if he doesn't go to Hollywood than if he does. This phenomenon comes under the head of "Public Behavior of the Human Author," a book which nobody needs to write, because anybody could.

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Teaching Religion

Lesson for February 6, 1949

SOME PEOPLE, strange to say, don't believe in Sunday schools. Most North American Protestants do, because Jesus did. The word may not be found in the New Testament, but the thing is there. If Jesus did not believe that religion could be taught, then he w a s guilty of wasting much of his time, for he worked at teaching in season and out of season. He was a product of the Sunday school, in a sense. During his childhood he would go to the synagogue school week days and especially on Sabbaths; we know that by the time he was grown it was his "custom" to attend synagogue services.

Dr. Foreman

And in every Jewish community the synagogue was the place where for two hundred years and more, children and youth and older people had been taught the Word of God.

If Christians today are faithful to Christ's example, we also will keep at the job of teaching our religion to every child within our reach.

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Body and Soul

READERS of the gospels will note that when Jesus went home from the synagogue on the Sabbath, his day's work was not done. He would spend hours, sometimes till far into the night, healing people brought to him for cure. Jesus ministered to mind and soul. Jesus was interested in personalities, whole people, not half-people. Our minds have to be fed, but we live in bodies, and bodies have no little to do with personalities. Jesus was not content with teaching sick people; he made sick people well. So the church today, if it is faithful to Christ's principles, will consider people as complete personalities.

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The Common People

WE FIND that Jesus did not insist on university audiences. Indeed, he never spoke to a university audience. There were great universities in those days, but it was not necessary for any one to be a graduate of one of them in order to enter Jesus' school, or to understand what he taught. He taught the plain people plainly. Again the church of today takes a leaf out of Jesus' book. Most of our Sunday schools, for instance, have graded lessons; the little tots do not study from the same quarterlies the grown people use.

In all our teachings we try to use the pupil's language and to put our Christian ideas in the thoughts that the pupils can understand.

At the best seminaries, young ministers-to-be are carefully taught how to put the great Christian doctrines in ways that the simplest over people's heads is not teaching.

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God and Education

JESUS did not try to teach people carpentry, or arithmetic, or geography. No doubt he could have done so. But he had something more important on his mind, something which he alone could teach. He taught religion, or in other words he taught the truth about God, and about man, and about right relations between God and man. So the teaching church, whether in the Sunday school or in the books written by its scholars or in its schools and colleges, when it follows Christ's example, is always teaching religion first and foremost. We do not believe that religion is a secondary issue, something you can "take or leave."

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Religion On Two Feet

JESUS did more than talk. He lived. His whole life and character were saying more loudly and plainly what his words said.

So the Christian church today, when it is faithful to Christ, must translate into actual living the faith she teaches in Sunday school lessons, in catechisms and books and sermons.

What we do, as Christians, speaks louder than what we say. Every Sunday school teacher needs to remember that what is said on Sunday is important, but what the teacher does on Monday is more impressive by far. The reason why Jesus was more effective than John the Baptist was that John, after all, was a Voice, while Jesus was a Friend.

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Health Unit Says Too Many Neurotic Women Teaching

WASHINGTON, D. C.—American delegates to the recent London world congress on mental health came back with this impression:

"Not only in the United States but everywhere in the world there are too few men—and too many neurotic women—teaching in the elementary schools."

So reported Dr. Mabel Ross, public health service delegate. She and the two other American delegates—Miss Mary E. Switzer and Dr. Robert H. Felix of the federal security agency—discussed the congress at an assembly of FSA officials.

Miss Switzer called the congress "one of the hopeful signs looking to international peace."

"Closely knit international groups, such as those in medicine, social work and mental hygiene, have proved that nations can cooperate along professional lines even when they cannot do so politically," she said.

Dr. Felix said continental psychiatrists seemed extremely preoccupied with questions of feelings of "national guilt, of historic origin, and its influence—in group behavior and thinking—upon international relations."

He cited a French paper on German youth which he said reasoned that "the only way to handle the German people is to keep a foot on their neck."

"Its argument stemmed from the effect of the German father's authoritarian role upon the son who must bend unquestioningly or rebel.

"It was bitter to hear a scientific man let hatred influence his reasoning, and I was even more gloomy when I heard English, Dutch and Belgian delegates call it masterful and highly scientific."

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Australian Ghost Town Hotel Moved 157 Miles

SYDNEY.—All that was left of Western Australian ghost town has been moved, to reappear in new form 157 miles away This consisted of a deserted hotel which stood alone in the derelict mining township at Mount Palmer.

John Asbury, of a chain store organization, obtained permission from the Western Australian Housing authority to have the hotel demolished and the materials taken to Kalgoorlie, to build a store and five new houses. The hotel was built years ago when a gold find promised to bring boom to Mount Palmer.

Oregon's Pension Plan Perils State's Finances

SALEM, ORE.—Red-faced Oregonians, who found out—too late—they had voted themselves into a financial dungeon, looked to the courts and the State legislature to bail them out.

The Oregonians gave thumping approval at the polls to a $50 monthly old-age pension plan—to be paid to men over 65 and women over 60 regardless of the recipient's need.

At once bond companies withdrew bids on two million dollars in State bonds.

"The State is a poor risk. It's darned near insolvent," one investment expert explained.

Startled Oregonians then learned their pension plan might cost as much as nine million dollars monthly—three times what the State spends now on all its activities. Furthermore, no provision had been made to finance the pensions.

The State Public Welfare commission announced it will send out no further old-age assistance checks until the new law is clarified.

Ship's Crew Saves Lost Rooster From Stew Pot

MONTREAL, CANADA. — This is one ship's mascot that has something to crow about.

When Chips, a rooster, went aboard the British freighter Daghestan in Calcutta he was immediately earmarked for the stewing pot. That was more than six years ago and Chips still has the run of the ship and the ports at which she touches.

Although Chips boarded the Daghestan by mistake and learned his error only when he was far out at sea, his curiosity has not been curbed. His enthusiasm to see the port of Montreal when the ship docked here almost cost him his life. He got too near the ship's side and fell into the harbor. It took the crew three hours to fish him out. Now he leaves the vessel and struts on the dock.

Want to Get Rid of Your Baldness? Buy a House!

LONDON, ENGLAND.—The case of a man whose baldness was cured by acquiring a house was reported in the Practitioner, a British medical journal.

Dr. F. F. Hellier, dermatologist, wrote that "the essential cause of alopecia areata (patchy baldness) is psychological.

"A patient of mine revealed that he was 'fed up' at living in his mother-in-law's house. No doubt there were deeper conflicts lurking in his subconscious, but the acquisition of a new house cured his depression and his alopecia."

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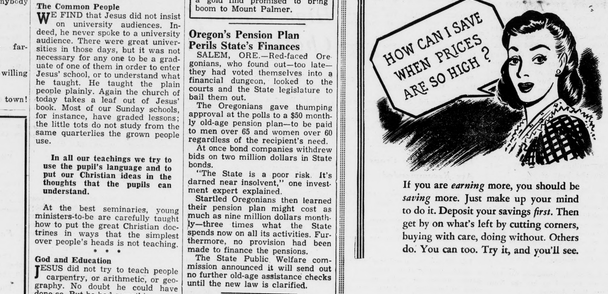

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Rocks News

Rocks, Jan. 31:- Snow, sleet and rain fell here last night.

Wiley Ranson lost one of his dogs last week.

Mrs. A. T. Anderson and Mrs. Rose called to see Mrs. Robert Roach one afternoon recently.

Harry Eugene Ranson was suffering with a rising ear last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Marsh recently.

Louise Taylor has returned to school after being quite sick.

Friends were shocked to hear of the death of W. A. Swan, of Hixburg, Deepest sympathy is extended to his children.

L. E. Dickerson attended the funeral of W. A. Swan Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Adkinson and children moved to Evergreen Saturday.

Some people from Massachussetts have bought the McGee place, and moved in last week.

Mrs. D. R. Inge spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Roach.

Rodney Roach celebrated his birthday Sunday.

Mrs. C. S. Ranson and daughters called to see Cassie Baldwin while Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson were called to Lynchburg Sunday due to the illness of Mrs. Ranson's mother, Mrs. Marks.

Mrs. L. K. Almond called to see Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson awhile Saturday night.

Barbara Jean Almond has the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dickerson and children went to Appomattox Thursday afternoon.

Blind Mechanic Sells His Skill To Townspeople

HOLTVILLE, ALA.—A blind man has the feel of this rural Alabama community.

He is 39-year-old Carson Dennison, and his talents as a mechanic, electrician, plumber and general repairman are so much in demand the folks around here say they wouldn't know what to do without him.

He started to take a war job once, but the neighbors howled so much he stayed home.

The feeling of being useful is what Dennison has struggled for since he was 18. That's when he lost his eyesight.

His dream of independence has paid off in the cash register. He'll tackle anything from patching up a wheezing jalopy to diving in Lake Jordan to see if a boathouse piling is put down right. But he turns down work every day because he has more than he can do.

Dennison doesn't consider his blindness a handicap, either. It's an asset. Take the time a customer brought in a typesetting machine so broken down nobody else would touch it.

"I couldn't see how bad it was," Dennison recalled. "so I fixed it."

Childhood Accident

"Carse" was only 6 when a playmate blasted his eyes with birdshot. There were intervals of seeing again out of one eye, but when he was 18 the light went out for good.

Despondent, he suffered through one operation after another for five years. Then one day in a New Orleans hospital Dennison found a new light—from the inside.

"It's imagination," he says, "Most people talk about imagination so much they don't have a chance to think what it means."

"I couldn't see how bad it was," Dennison began to imagine he could be a mechanical engineer. He'd always wanted to be one.

"I didn't feel like I could stand a handout," Carse explained, looking up from the water gauge he was installing in a heating plant. "I wanted to do a job and send someone a bill and get paid like anyone else."

Works on Big Jobs

That's what he does. He finds time now and then to squeeze in small jobs, but most of his work lately goes into big projects, such as the heating systems he put in at Holtville high school and the grade school at near-by Eclectic.

Difficult wiring jobs don't bother him. The refrigeration unit he installed at the high school had 150 separate connections, but he got every one right.

When he takes on work like that, his wife reads the blueprints aloud and he memorizes them. Fellow workers help him figure out the color schemes that tell electricians which wires go where.

Once he got crossed up—a helper turned out to be color blind. But Carse connected the wires the way he thought they should go when he ran a test to see if they were right. They were.

Dennison likes to take on jobs that others have bungled or given up. Strangely, he says customers expect better workmanship from him than they do from others.

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Postmastership is vacant now at Petersburg.

German Speaking Swiss Sensitive About Language

BASEL, SWITZERLAND — German speaking Swiss are still extremely touchy about foreigners who look down their noses at them because they speak the same language Adolf Hitler and Heinrich Himmler spoke.

Recently, a Dutch lecturer who spoke good German, chose to deliver his speech to a German speaking Swiss audience here in English. The result of this "comedy," said the National Zeitung, was that practically nobody understood what he was saying since his English was very labored.

"We would like to recall to our Dutch friends," the newspaper sagtartly, "that the Dutch language developed from the "Dietsch" of the middle ages and the "low German" of the 16th and 17th centuries and is approximately just as much and just as little German as our Swiss German dialect. For three million Swiss, high German is the school and written langage, the most widely used of the four official languages of our country."

Food Minister Announces More Rations for British

LONDON. — Food Minister John Strachey gave the House of Commons its first good news about food since the war. He was cheered.

Strachey said jam and margarine would come off the ration list. Other rations will be increased.

The milk ration will go from two to two and one-half pints, cooking fat from one ounce for one person for 16 weeks to two ounces weekly per person each week for a period of 16 weeks and sugar from eight ounces a week to 10 ounces a week with more for preserving. The candy ration will rise from 12 ounces every four weeks to one pound.

Administration cites high cost of pension bill for veterans.

Virginia counties are now preparing new budgets.

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Bicentennial plans are made at Culpeper.

Li declares that Red demands threaten Chinese peace.

Norway held to be in favor of joining Atlantic Pact.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Feb. 1.- Mr. and Mrs. Sam White and family, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples,

Miss Eulalia Glover,who has been sick with the flu, was able to return to school this morning.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were supper guests last Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Watts.

Paul Ferguson and son, Gregory and G. W. Glover were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover and family.

Alfred Reynolds is in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. He was operated upon Friday and has his appendix removed. He is reported better at this writing.

Miss Doris Evans is improving after a recent illness. Those on the sick list now are: J. R. Hamilton, Mrs. C. J. Paulette, Mrs. John Farrar and son, Johnnie.

Those visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Ferguson over the week-end were their daughter, and family, Mrs. Willard Paulett, of Richmond; Mrs. W. A. Covington, of Vera.

Mrs. G. W. Glover spent the week-end in Lynchburg with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Sullivan.

Mrs. Ryland Staples, who has been in the hospital, returned home last week-end. She is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulett.

Ben Marshall is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Woolridge.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were dinner guests Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hudson.

Randall Wood has and daughter, Barbara Ann, are sick with measles.

Evergreen, Feb. 1.- Those calling in the home of Mrs. J. R. Conner over the week-end were Mrs. Willard Paulette, of Richmond; Jennings Ferguson, Duval Conner, and Mr. and Mrs. Newton Jennings and daughter, Susan Ruth, of Appomattox; Roy Conner and daughter, Anne, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kink, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Covington, of Vera, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Paulette and family, of Richmond, spent the week- end with Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Jennings, and son, Tad were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Richardson, of Appomattox Sunday.

Mrs. Eddie Lucado and children, of Keysville spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Harvey.

Mrs. Maude Deaner, of Lynchburg was the dinner guest Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. LeGrande.

Mrs. Emma Thomas has been sick for a few days. Those who called to see her were Jack Baker, of Kenbridge; Mrs. S. G. Anderson and Mrs. Mabel Baker, of Appomattox.

Mrs. Pennick Harvey is ill at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulette were dinner guests Sunday of Joe Paulette and family,of Madison Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson and children, of Lynchburg were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mott Harvey.

Those calling to see Mrs. J. A. Garrett last week were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John, of Red House and Mrs. Will Garrett.

Barbara Anne Wooldridge has measles.

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